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# FOOD FOR THE WORLD

New Internationalist Easier English  
Ready Intermediate Lesson

Today's lesson:

Speaking  
Vocabulary  
Reading  
Writing

# Discuss in groups:

Make a list of the 5 biggest problems with food in the world



# What are they doing?





# Discuss these words and phrases and divide them into positive and negative:

hybrid

seed exchange

indigenous

GM technology

traditional farming

pest-resistant

malnutrition

cash crops

food sovereignty

agribusiness

weeds

starving children

patent

small scale farms

nutritious food

campaigners / activists

# Reading 1 (scanning)

<http://eewiki.newint.org/index.php/%22Seeds of change%22 - fighting against global hunger>

1. What are the 2 countries in the article?
2. How many people are starving in the world?
3. How much food do we waste in the world?
4. How much control do the 10 biggest seed companies have?

# Reading 2 (read for detail)

[http://eewiki.newint.org/index.php/%22Seeds of change%22 -  
fighting against global hunger](http://eewiki.newint.org/index.php/%22Seeds_of_change%22_-_fighting_against_global_hunger)

## True or false?

1. Karen agrees with GM technology.
2. Bolivia has had GM crops for a long time.
3. Traditional farming can improve seeds.
4. The best way to stop hunger is to use GM crops.
5. Seed exchanges can help poor people.
6. Giving money to charity helps stop poverty.
7. If Bolivia exports soya, they will get rich.

# In groups, write a letter to the President of Bolivia

Dear President of Bolivia,

We have just read about Bolivia allowing GM technology. But is this good for Bolivians?

We think .....



# Homework:

Now read the original article:

<http://newint.org/features/web-exclusive/2013/08/27/food-sovereignty-seeds/>

This one is more difficult, but  
you can compare it with the  
Easier English one you've read  
– and learn lots of new  
words and phrases



More articles about food from *Easier English New Internationalist* wiki:  
Read the Easier English article first, then  
click on the original at the bottom and  
read that to learn more vocabulary:

GM crops:

[http://eewiki.newint.org/index.php/Is\\_there\\_a\\_place\\_for\\_genetically\\_modified\\_\(GM\)\\_crops\\_in\\_a\\_sustainable\\_future%3F](http://eewiki.newint.org/index.php/Is_there_a_place_for_genetically_modified_(GM)_crops_in_a_sustainable_future%3F)

Think about food:

[http://eewiki.newint.org/index.php/Time\\_to\\_think\\_again\\_about\\_food](http://eewiki.newint.org/index.php/Time_to_think_again_about_food)

Banks and food:

[http://eewiki.newint.org/index.php/Barclays\\_ends\\_food\\_specula](http://eewiki.newint.org/index.php/Barclays_ends_food_specula)

Mexico: “No” to Monsanto:

[http://eewiki.newint.org/index.php/Mexico\\_says\\_no\\_to\\_Monsanto](http://eewiki.newint.org/index.php/Mexico_says_no_to_Monsanto)

Grow food for people, not cars:

[http://eewiki.newint.org/index.php/Food\\_should\\_be\\_for\\_people,\\_not\\_cars](http://eewiki.newint.org/index.php/Food_should_be_for_people,_not_cars)

